THE COUNTRY'S CROPS.

The Agricultural Department's Latest Reports.

Corn and Cotton in Good Condition. Wheat Not Doing Well.

According to the October report of the Department of Agriculture the preliminary estimate of yield of wheat per acre is 12.8. The returns of yield per acres of wheat are in thresher's measurement. This report is preliminary, as the local estimates will be tested by the record books of the threshers now coming in. The present averages for the principal States are: In New York, 13.8 bushels; Pennsylvania, 12.3 New York, 16.5 Ousners, Tennsylvania, 12.5, Ohio, 14.6; Michigau, 14.7; Indiana, 14.7; Illinois, 16; Wisconsin, 14.2; Minnesota, 14.6; Iowa, 13.1; Missouri, 13; Kansas, 18.4; Nebraska, 12; Dakota, 8.3; California, 15. Winter wheat was injured in many districts during harvest and in the stack by heavy rains and is comparatively light, grading rains and is comparatively light, grading badly, thus reducing its weight and value. Its weight and quality will be the subject of further report after test of the scales in marketing.
The general percentage of condition

orn is 91.7, against 90.9 a month ago, and 92 for the crop of 1888 on October 1. Condition of potatoes, 77.9, against 80.8 last October; of buckwheat, 90, against 92.1 last year; of tobacco, 80.7, against 85.7 in 1888.

The past month has been favorable for corn. Slight frost north of forty degrees injured late corn, but the percentage of dam

corn. Slight frost north of forty degrees injured late corn, but the percentage of damage was generally very small, as the crop was well matured in the third week of September. The dry weather came opportunely after the abundant rains of July and August. which somewhat impaired the condition of which somewhat impaired the condition of the crop on the Atlantic coast. In the States south of Maryland the bottom lands were quite too wet for the best yield or quality. The best development of corn was in the Missouri Valley. The best growth in the South was in the Gulf States. It could scennell be injuryed in either district scarcely be improved in either district, though the yield per acre is much greater in the higher latitudes.

Potatoes were injured east of the Alleghanies by excess of moisture, causing rot. From West Virginia and Ohio similar re ports are received. Drought reduced the yield in Michigan, though the quality is generally good. In the Mississippi Valley the crop is more promising. In the Rocky Mountain region, where the area is largely increased, the season has been unfavorable.

The cotton returns of the lat of October to

The cotton returns of the 1st of October to the Department of Agriculture show a large plant growth, active opening of the bolls. fibre in good condition and generally fine weather for picking. Yet the plant is every where reported late, and fears are expressed that frost may seriously shorten the crop. The condition is naturally reported high, with a reservation by the most intelligent correspondents that present favorable ap correspondents that present favorable ap pearances are deceptive; that in seasons excessive moisture the outcome falls below expectation, while in those of drought the result is better than was feared. With an early date of killing frost the present condition will be become frost the present condition will be heavily discounted; with a date later than the average a large crop will be gathered. The crop has been injured more by moisture than drought, though some soils and localities have been too dry in September. Worms have wrought considerable injury, notwithstanding the general use of insecticides, especially west of Alabama. Complaint of adulteration of Paris green is made in certain quarters.

tain quarters.

The following State percentages are presented: Virginia, 58; North Carolina, 72: South Carolina, 81; Georgia, 87; Florida, 88 Alabama, 87; Mississippi, 79; Louisiana, 87 Texas, 78, Arkansas, 83; Tennessee, 82. Thi makes as a general percentage 81.4 of a ful-crop prospect on the first of October, con-pared with 78.9 per cent. last October.

TWO HUNDRED HOMELESS.

Fire Almost Destroys the Town of Sernent River. Fire broke out in Cook's lumber yard at

Serpent River, Ontario. A heavy northwest wind blowing extended the flames and soon the whole town was on fire. There was forty buildings in the town, general stores and dwelling houses.

A special train with fire engines and a brigade of Sault Ste. Marie (Ontario) firemen left at once for the scene of the co tion. Fifty million feet of lumber, this year's cut, was consumed. The loss is estimated at

The vicinity is strewn with household goods and homeless families for acres. The steamer Africa and schooner Marquis, which were loading at the docks, pulled out into the

Were loading at the docks, puned out into the lake and were saved.

There are about 200 people homeless, and temporary structures are being erected to house them.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN has done a great lot of partridge shooting.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the historian, is pas sionately fond of roses. WILL CARLTON, the poet, is writing a book

JAY GOULD gets down to Wall street be fore 10 o'clock in the morning.

FIASCUELO, the Spanish bull-fighter, has retired, with a fortune of \$600,000.

POPE LEO rises at 5:30 and at 6 takes a walk in the gardens of the Vatican.

It is said that the Paris Rothschilds have arranged to let Russia have \$400,000,000.

PRIVATE SECRETARY HALFORD'S illness i said to be due to overindulgence in cigars. GENERAL BOULANGER'S wife still lives in the deepest seclusion at Versailles, France.

Ex-Mayor Seth Low, of Brooklyn, has been elected President of Columbia College.

JAMES R. RANDALL wrote "Maryland, My Maryland," at twenty-two. He is now fifty. Dr. HANSEN, the distinguished Swedish explorer, is about to set out for the North LOUIS BRENNAN, the inventor of the Bren-

nan torpedo, is an Irishman and a home

MR. GLADSTONE'S weight is 168 pounds.

SUPERINTENDENT FOX, of the Philadelphia Mint, has suffered a slight stroke of facial paralysis. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL is to live at Elm-

wood, near Cambridge, Mass., this winter, with his daughter. OSCAR S. STRAUS, ex-Minister to Turkey,

makes a hobby of collecting and studying books on American history. THE Prince of Leichtenstein has the dis tinction of ruling over the smallest State in the world; population, 9121.

REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON, of England, is organizing a society to collect documents relating to the Washington family.

Mr. Henry George is going to California in January and thence will proceed to Australia and New Zealand, lecturing.

MRS. LELAND STANFORD has the most valuable collection of diamonds in the world.

except the crown jewels of Russia and Great Britain. DR.D. HAYES AGNEW, of Philadelphia, who

was one of President Garfield's consulting physicians after the shooting, is now seventy-one years old. COLONEL W. M. FULLER, of Perryopolis,

Penn., is said to bear such a striking resem-blance to ex-President Cleveland that he is often mistaken for him. MARSHAL MACMAHON, ex-President of France, though advanced in years, is still active. He takes great interest in the Paris

Exposition and goes there every day. THE White Cross University of Science has

decorated George W. Childs, James Gordon Bennett, Thomas A. Edson, John W. Mackay, Cyrus W. Field and William W. Hubbell. MARK TWAIN, the great humorist, lives an

idle, easy-going sort of existence during nine months of the year. Unlike most authors, he works all summer and rests all the remainder of the year MISS WINNIE DAVIS will accompany her

father, Jefferson Davis, to the Fayetteville, N. C., centennial celebration in November. A grand ball will be given in honor of Mir Davis during the centennial.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States. Six of the officers of the Navassa Phosphate Company, who were involved in the recent riots in the island of Navassa, have arrived in Philadelphia.

THE fertilizer factory of G. Ober, Sons & Co., at Baltimore, Md., has been burned.

J. P. S. GOBIN, of Pennsylvania, was elected at Washington Grand Master and Hugh McCurdy, of Michigan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Loss, \$260,000. THE State Board of Health has issued a proclamation declaring diphtheria to be epidemic in Carbondale, Penn. Some of the undertakers have refused to further endanger Templar of America. the lives of their families by handling the bodies of the dead. ELLWOOD T. HANCE has been appointed President Harrison Postmaster at Detroit, Mich.

THE House of Deputies at the Episcopal Convention in New York city rejected the resolution designed to facilitate the establishment of a Court of Appeals.

GOVERNOR HILL and Chauncey M. Depew spoke at the laying of the corner-stone of the new World building in New York. The structure, when completed, will be the high-

THE great trotting match at Fleetwood Park, New York city, between Belle Hamlin and Harry Wilkes, for \$5000, was won by the former in two straight heats. Time—2:16 34, 2:1914.

JOHN FEEKS, & Western Union lineman JOIN FERKS, a Western Union internal, was killed by an electric light wire in New York city. His body hung in midair for nearly one hour while thousands looked on. Six men have died in New York city from

the same cause within a few weeks. THOMAS SHIELDS, whose negligence in leaving rails unspiked led to a fatal wreck at North Haven, Conn., has been found guilty

In Frankford Township, Penn., a child was instantly killed by a mad bull. The animal's horn caught the little girl in the back and

penetrated to the heart. The leading manufacturers of Philadelphia have signed a document declaring New York city to be the financial centre of the country,

and recognizing it as the appropriate place for holding the World's Fair in 1892. MAYOR GRANT, of New York city, has given orders to cut down all electric wires not operated according to the rules of the Board of Electrical Control.

THE delegates to the International American Congress visited Niagara Falls and were entertained at dinner by Erastus Wiman. JOHN F. DONAHOE, head money-order clerk in the Hartford (Conn.) postoffice, is a defaulter to the amount of about \$1000.

QUARTERMASTER WILLIAM H. Szowe, of Admiral Foote Post, G. A. R., of New Haven, Conn., is short \$4000 in his accounts with the post.

GEORGE P. MARIS, once prominent in Baltimora society, died from chloroform poison ng in a lodging house in New York city. THE grave of Ralph Waldo Emerson as

Concord, Mass., was opened by vandals; the coffin was exposed to view, but the body was A FIERCE storm raged off the Massa-chusetts coast and did much damage to

A WOMAN named O'Brien was killed with her babe by falling from the roof of a tene ment house in New York city. THE American Board of Commissioners for

Foreign Missions began their annual session in New York city. THE Episcopal General Convention in New York city decided that it was in favor of further revision of the Prayer Book.

More than three-fourths of the private land actually needed for the great fair of 1892 in New York city has already been voluntarily offered by property owners.

THE annual meeting of the Republican clubs of New Jersey was held in Elizabeth. THE schooner Laura capsized in the East River, close to New York city, and three sailors were drowned.

THE first general assembly of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania was opened in Philadelphia.

South and West.

ROBERT BRANTON, of Salt Lake City, in a fit of drunken jealousy fatally shot his wife, then shot himself dead. THE Souther A yellow Pine Lumber Asso-

ciation met at Birmingham, Ala., and advanced the price of yellow pine lumber \$1 per 1000 feet.

SUPERINTENDENT TIM WADLEY, of Davis & Lamar's mine, near Langley, S. C., was killed by the caving in of a bank while he was in the mine. COLONEL CONLEY, of Chicago, has just bought the great trotter Axtell for \$105,000.

THE switchmen in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Toledo, Ohio, struck for higher wages, causing a suspension of busing the yards of the Pennsylvania, Hocking Valley and Ann Arbor roads. WHILE boring for natural gas at Pueblo.

Cal., a vein was unexpectedly struck and the escaping gas taking fire from a lantern burned one man to death and another very severely.

THE large livery barn of Oxby Bros., at Corwith, Iowa, has been burned. Six horses, in uding a \$1500 stallion, were roasted in the flames. Two men who slept in the barn are

At least 500,000 pounds of tobacco in the county of Fleming, Ky., have been entirely destroyed by frost.

While a wrecking crew was engaged in clearing away a freight wreck at Lausing, Mich., the hoisting beam of the steam derrick broke and fell, killing three men.

FIRE has destroyed the St. James Hotel and three other buildings at Rico, Col. Three men were burned to death.

A WRECK on the Big Four road, ten miles from Cincinnati, caused the death of En-gineer Morris and Fireman Whitestone. Two tramps and a brakeman were also

SEVERAL arrests have been made and indictments found for attempted juryfixing in the Cronin murder trial at Chicago ROBERT BIGGS, colored, was lynched at Hernando, Miss. He confessed that he had assaulted a white woman.

HANS JEPERSON was sentenced at Provo, to five years' imprisonment for polygamy.

The total vote for Governor in South Dakota shows: Mellette (Rep.), 53,129; McClure (Dem.), 23,441. For prohibition the vote was 39,509, and against, 33,456. The contest for the temporary capital resulted in Pierre's getting 27,096 votes, to 14,944 for Huron, 11,979 for Watertown, 11,763 for Sioux Falls, 7516 for Mitchell and 2414 for Chamberlain

An engine at Heinlein's sorghum mills at Bucyrus, Ohio, exploded, killing the engineer

and two other men. DAVID MENCIA and his son, Alphonso, quarreled on their ranch near San Antonio, Tex., and the father was killed and the son

atally wounded.

Воти parties at last accounts were claimng the Montana Legislature. Dz. W. M. Terr, of Nicholson, Miss., quar-reled with F. C. Collins and shot him dead. A few minutes after he met the same fate at the hands of J. W. Turner, Collins's brother-

THE nine-year-old daughter of C. G. Brown, a farmer living near Herrington, Kan., fell into a vat of boiling sorghum and was scalded to death.

FIVE THOUSAND railroad brakemen assem bled in St. Paul, Minn., to attend the second annual convention of the Brotherhood and

had an imposing parade. Nine men and three women, all colored, have been arrested, charged with robbing

over 100 residences and business houses in Charlotte, N.C. Robbery is a capital offense in North Carolina. THE stern of the new coast-defence vessel

has been successfully cast at the Pacific Rolling mills in San Francisco. Sixteen thousand pounds of molten steel were poured into the mould for the stem.

ROBERT BERRIER, who shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Walzer, near Lexington, N. C., was captured near Greensboro, and taken to Lexington, where he was hanged to a tree on the outskirts of the town. REPRESENTATIVES of an English syndicate

have purchased the three largest breweries in Indiana, all situated in Indianapolis. GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, arrived at Atlanta, Ga., and met with a most enthusiastic reception, he being escorted to his hotel with flambeaux.

A FRIGHTFUL collision has occurred at Sterling, Cal., between a Burlington and a Union Pacific passenger train, in which about thirty passengers were killed and many iniured

In a fight between members of the Farm-ers' Alliance and the town party at Dothen,

Ala., two men were killed and several se-

THE Ohio River steamboat Minnie Bay, bound from Manchester to Cincinnati with 125 passengers aboard, struck a snag opposite Moscow, Ohio, and sank. The passengers

Washington.

Smythe, of Louisiana, to be Superintenden of the Mint of the United States at New Or

preparing a work on European

vard burned the body in a furnace.

European bankers.

taken.

damage done.

on strike at Lens, France.

layed in consequence.

frontier corps.

explosion of the boiler in a shingle mill at

A BAKER who was put into an oven by his

companions in the city of Mexico was as phyxiated. To hide their crime they after

SMALLPOX is ranging in the Government of Oppeln, in Prussian Silesia, and its vic-tims are counted by the thousands.

THE Argentine Republic is about to float loan of \$40,000,000 with a syndicate of

DISASTROUS floods prevail in the Department of the Jura, France. A number of bridges have been carried away by the high water. Lons-le-Sauliner, the capital of the Department, is inundated.

THE French Government will send a com-

AT Sonora, Mexico, two companies of Mexican soldiers were caught in swimming by Yaqui Indians and all of them were slaughtered. The Mexican Government

Owing to the failure of the crops French Canadian farmers are threatened with star

THE Russian Czar and his son have been visiting the German Emperor at Berlin. Extraordinary precautions to guard the persons of the royal visitors from violence were

CARINTHIA, Austria, has been inundated by an overflow of the Drabe. A number of cridges have been destroyed, and much other

THIRTY-FIVE HUNDRED coal miners went

THE Italian Government has declared a protectorate over Abyssinia.

In a battle between the British and a force

of natives at the Island of Demarara, on the Indian Ocean, twenty-two of the latter were

ALL the engineers and stokers on the

Transatlantic steamers lying at Antwerp went on strike for an increase in wages, and

a number of vessels ready to sail were de-

A FRENCH council of war was held in Paris to discuss the increase of the German

RAILROAD DISASTER.

One Killed and Many Injured in a

Crash Near Omaha.

A terrible wreck has occurred on the Bur

lington and Missouri River Railroad at Gib-

son, a few miles from Omaha, Neb. About

fifty passengers were injured. Two engines

were completely demolished and a chair car

and a combination car were thrown from

the tracks and crushed to atoms. Train No. 6, the local between Lincoln and Chicago,

ran into No. 9. Both trains are due at Gibson at 6:45 P. M. No. 9 was slightly behind

time, and had just crossed the spur when the engine on No. 9 struck it, the snock hurling both engines and the two coaches from the track. The combination coach and the chair

car were both crowded with passengers, all of whom were more or less injured. Peter Reuland, proprietor of the Tremont House

(Omaha), was so badly injured that he died shortly after being taken to the hospital. The chair car, after being overturned, caught

fire, and many of the passengers were slightly burned, in addition to their other injuries.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

GEORGE W. CABLE, the novelist, has fin-

MRS. LANGTRY has made \$500,000 during

THE only lion which rides a horse is now

MRS. BELLE COLE, the American soprano

winning laurels at Covent Garden, Lon-

SALVINI, the greatest living Italian tra-

edian, is playing an engagement at New

LAWRENCE BARRETT has made a hit at Chicago in William Young's new romantic

In Paris and the provinces 393 new plays,

MR. HENRY IRVING is contemplating a

tour in Australia. He has been offered great

THE American Art Society of New York

city has selected plans for its new building, which is to cost \$200,000.

It is reported that Dr. von Bulow has signed an agreement to revisit the United States in the early spring.

EDWIN BOOTH and Madame Modjeska are playing together this season. They opened in New York in "Richelieu."

MRS. JAMES BROWN POTTER is suffering

from nervous prostration and will spend a good portion of the fall in the south of France.

in her new play "Josephine," and has been offered a return engagement at the Globe

SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN, for the first time

in twenty years, is about to attempt an opera on a serious subject, intended for D'Oyley Carte's new theatre in London.

HERR BOETEL, a wonderful tenor, is fasci-

nating the audiences at the Krall Gardens, Berlin. He was a coachman not long ago and his rise to fame has been romantic in its

THE marriage of Walter Damrosch, the

New York musical conductor, and Margaret, daughter of James G. Blaine, will take place

next spring. The engagement has been of

THE well known German novelist Friedrick

REV. MR. SPURGEON'S admirers in London

are disturbed by a rumor that he is seriously contemplating retirement from the pulpit.

MILE RHEA is said to be making a su

operettas, dramas, or revues, have been pro

shed his promised drama.

tragedy, "Ganelon."

duced during the year.

inducements to go there.

Theatre Boston.

ficially announced.

her short career on the stage.

aking a great sensation in Paris.

ered. The Mexican Government sent men against the Indians.

Lindsay, Ontario. The mill was wrecked.

TALMAGE'S CHURCH BURNED.

The Brooklyn Tabernacle Destroyed by Fire.

> Electric Light Wires Thought to Be the Cause.

> Dr. Talmage's church, the Brooklyn Tabernacle, has been completely destroyed by fire, including the furniture and magnificent

ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSSEY has reversed the order of ex-Commissioner Tanner At 2:45 A. M. Patrolman McCaffery, while re-rating all pensions at not less than \$4 per patroling his beat, saw flames issuing from the small window over the main entrance of President Harrison has appointed John W. Blackburn, of Utah, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Utah. the Tabernacle. Heat once sent out an alarm.
The Fire Department responded promptly. The flames made rapid progress, and before the water could be directed on the building THE President has appointed Andrew W. a solid column of fire illuminated the sky A second alarm was sent out and, realizing that there was no hope of saving the build-ing, the firemen directed their efforts toward leans, and Charles A. Cook, of North Caro-lina, to be Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

within half an hour the immense building GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, while on his way to the Piedmont Exhibition, at At lanta, Ga., paid a visit to the White House, and was received by the President. was a mass of flames. The heat was intense, causing the firemen to keep at a respectful distance, peeling the paint from the opposite and destroying nearly every pane of glass in the buildings within 300 feet of SECRETARY BLAINE has arranged an ex-

the Tabernacle.
Inside the Tabernacle the auditorium recursion for the nation's South American guests to start South in December. sembled a huge furnace, the flames licking up everything with wonderful rapidity. In twenty minutes after the discovery of the ADDITIONAL appointments by the Presi dent: Daniel M. Frost, of Kansas, to be Register of the Land-office at Garden City, fire the wooden and iron girders supporting the roof gave way and fell with a tremend-ous crash, carrying with them both side walls and large portions of the front and rear main walls. Simultaneous with the crash an in-Kan.; Daniel L. Sheets, of Colorado, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Durango, Col.: William B. Newman, of Missouri, to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Ironton. Mo. walls. Simultaneous with the crash an in-mense volume of flames, smoke and sparks mounted high in the air. After the collapse GENERAL BOULANGER has taken a villa near St. Helier on the island of Jersey. He is of the roof several streams of water were turned upon the burning mass, but it was not quenched until nearly every vestige of

wood-work had been destroyed.
With the morning hours came thousands of people who gazed upon the ruins of the famous Tabernacle. They were kept at a safe distance, however, as the remaining por-tions of the front wall were liable to fall at

All that remains of the once handsome building are the front and west gables, almost intact, and portions of the rear and side walls, which are completely bare. The interior of the building was completely gutted, not a vestige remaining of the organ, plat-form, gallery, seats or other furnishings. The wooden doors in the main en-trances were consumed by the flames, while the entrances themselves are filled with masses of brick and other debris. The polished marble pillars which orna mented the base of the front gables and the sides of the entrances are intact, as is also the small sign bearing the name of Sexton John Dey in gold letters at the left of the

How the fire originated is a complete mystery. Some of the firemen charge it against the electric light wires which were put in the Tabernacle. The flames could not have been started by the furnaces, as there was no fire of any description in the building. It is conceded that the fire started in the

gallery, as the flames first discovered issued from the windows facing Schermerhorn street, directly in the rear of the gallery. No fire had been started in the furnaces since last spring, the trustees not considering the weather cold enough to render the use of the

heat necessary.

A member of Dr. Talmage's family saw
the flames of the burning Tabernacle and
aroused the Doctor from his slumbers. He mounted to the observatory at the top of his house, and there for a time watched the flames. After becoming satisfied that it was the Tabernacle that was on fire ho dressed himself and, accompanied by his son Charles, hurried to the scene, reaching there n time to witness the falling of the roof. He was very much overcome by the destruc-tion of the building, and was soon induced to return to his house, after seeing that the ouilding was doomed to destruction

Dr. Talmage, with the consent of the trus tees of the Tabernacle, has issued an appeal for a liberal response to the request for a fund of \$100,000 to rebuild the church.

VICTIM OF SUPERSTITION

How an Indian Doctor was Killer

Because of Sickness in His Tribe. Charles Williams Tom Alexis, Charles Seatit and Big Bill, Indians from Swinomish Reservation, in the State of Washington, have been brought to Seattle, and lodged in jail charged with the murder of Big Bob Sattoo, an Indian. It appears that Big Bob was a prominent member of the tribe, and claimed to be a "tenanimous" man, which, translated from the Chinook, means an Indian doctor. By Indian superstition a "telanimous" man is held responsible if any "tenanimous" man is held responsible if any general calamity befalls the tribe. Things had not been going well with the Swinomish Indians for some time. There was much sickness among them, and Big Bob was regarded as responsible for it. So at a meeting of the tribe four Indians were appointed to execute him. to execute him.

The Indian Agent at the reservation was notified that Big Bob was about to be sacri-ficed, but did not believe it, and did nothing. Big Bob was waylaid by four assassins, who seized him, held him, and cut his throat from ear to ear. The red men were arrested and bound over for murder by the Justice of the Peace of Laconner. They were brought to Seattle for safe keeping.

FOUR ROASTED TO DEATH.

A Mother and Her Children Burned in Their Home.

At Davis's Switch, a small village thirteen miles from Bradford, Penn., the dwelling of Patrick Daily was burned, and his wife and three sons, aged thirteen, eleven and nine years, respectively, were roasted in the

Within the past few months there has been a general advance for the iron workers in the Schuylkill valley of Pennsylvania, and about 6000 of them are affected by it. While the Daily family were at supper the While the Daily family were at supper the father stepped to the cook stove to turn off part of the gas. He unintentionally shut the throttle tight, and on turning it on again the house was filled with gas. An explosion followed, and in instant the entire house was in flames. The three boys and mother fell prostrate on the floor coversom by the leaf and flames. the floor, overcome by the heat and flames. Mr. Daily rushed out of the house to call assistance, but all efforts to save the unfortunate inmates were futile. The house was en-

tirely consumed in a few moments.

The charred and blackened bodies of the four victims presented a sickening sight. Mrs. Daily's ribs were burned from her body

and her flesh was cooked to the bone.

The three sons were not as horribly burned as the mother, but their blackened bodies could not be identified until placed side by side. Mr. Daily was severely but not fatally burned about the head and face.

CLAD IN COTTON BAGGING.

The Novel Wedding Costume of a North Carolina Couple. A few weeks ago William Bateman, a young

farmer, who is the Secretary of the Farmers Alliance in Washington County, N. C., made uphis mind to show how he hated the Jute Trust by being married in a costume made of cotton barging, the fabric which the Al-liance has adopted as the material for cover-ing cotton. The ceremony took place a few days since at the State Fair Grounds in The bride was dressed white cotton bagging, trimmed with buff satin. Her bonnet was trimmed with cotton plossoms and bolls. The bridegroom was arrayed in cotton bagging and wore cotton holls in his hat. His groomsmen were similarly attired, while the bridesmaids wore cotton bagging sashes.

MET DEATH UNDER GROUND. Disastrous Explosion in an English

Colliery. An explosion has occurred in the Bentilee

Spielbagen is said to have written a play which occupies a whole evening, and which will be performed in the coming season at the Deutsches Volkstheater of Vienna. MISS PROFBE RUSSELL, the charming colliery, at Longton, England. Seventy Hermia of Mr. Daly's production of 'Mid-summer Night's Dream' in New York, will soon be married to Norman Dodge. Her miners were in the pit at the time of the accident, only eleven of whom are alive. The pit was completely wrecked, and the task of recovering the buried miners was one of great difficulty. The men engaged in a search for victims found fifty bodies of the father is a prominent lawyer in Detroit, and has been mentioned in connection with the vacant seat on the Supreme Court bench. SEVERAL thousand Hebrews who have dead miners.

The bodies recovered show that the victims been expelled from Russia and have taken temporary refuge in England intend to go out as colonists to the Argentine Republic.

died of gas poisoning. The rescuers were compelled to relinquish their search, owing to the accumulation of gas. The underground manager is among the victims. The record of the men down the mine was lost; hence it is impossible to verify the exact number.

LATER NEWS.

Louis lawyer, while drunk shot and instant-

ly killed Frank Loftus, a fireman, who acci-

LESSING, SOLOMON & ROSENTHAL, Whole-

sale dealers in dry goods and cotton in

Waco, Texas, have suspended, with liabilities

GOVERNOR HILL, of New York, spoke to a

ron County, Texas. Many murders and rob-

beries are reported, and the people of the

GREAT destitution prevails among the

farmers of Central Dakota, caused by the al-

most total failure of crops. Many are without wheat, corn or vegetables. A relief com-

JOHN OSLEN and William Draper have been hanged at Placerville, Cal., for the

murder of John Law. J. H. Myers was

hanged for participating in the same crime

MRS. SCHOLL, of Santa Ana. Cal., mur-

dered her two children to prevent them from

falling into the hands of her husband, from

whom she was divorced. She afterward at-

ONE man has been killed and several fatally

injured in a railroad wreck at Lebanon,

THE International Congress for the discus-

sion of questions affecting the safety of navi-

THE President has appointed Carroll E.

In his report for the last fiscal year Chief

Bell. of the Treasury Secret Service, shows

that 437 arrests were made and a large quan-

tity of plates, dies, moulds, etc., was seized,

besides counterfeit money representing

GENERAL A. B. CAMPBELL, of Kansas,

one of the prominent candidates for the

Pension Commissionership, has been given

A FRENCH sergeant named Nogues has

been sentenced to imprisonment for life for

THE arrivals of American cattle at Liver-

pool, England, have recently been very

heavy. The cattle sheds are crowded be-

yond their capacity and steamers have been

waiting for days to discharge their cargoes.

THE LABOR WORLD.

THE Newsboys' Union of San Francisco

THE plate-glass works throughout the country are all in active operation.

In making bread boxes three men can do the work of thirteen men by the old meth-

In the manufacture of boots and shoes the

work of 500 operatives is now being done by

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 30, of Massachusetts

ALL the painters' unions in New York

THERE were 600 delegates from almost as

many cities at the annual convention held in Kansas City by the National Association

THE Hospital Fund assessment upon the 14,000 employes of the Union Pacific Railroad is to be advanced from twenty-five to

It is claimed by the three carpenters' unions in Boston, Mass., that they have enrolled 100 new members in a month, and that they have 250 more members than they ever

Two THOUSAND women workers of the

East End of London held a meeting at which they resolved to organize for the purpose of

improving their condition. The Bishop of

To permit the men employed in the great

Carnegie (Penn.) works at Braddocks to at-tend the funeral of their late Superintendent,

Captain Jones, involved an expense for the company of \$50,000.

Two thousand tramway and omnibus

employes of London formed a union to ob-

tain shorter hours and the redress of a num-

An organization of clerks is talked of in

London, where there are thousands of clerks, from people who can read, write and cipher

up to experienced bookkeepers, out of work. The future of clerks in London and other large cities in England is very discouraging.

THE co-operative bakery recently estab-lished by the bakers of Brooklyn, N. Y., is being helped along by the Brooklyn labor organizations, who have taken liberal blocks

of stock in the new venture. All the organizations in New York city have been re-

A curious strike occurred at Rochester,

Y. The osterologists and taxidermists Ward's Natural Science establishment,

quested to buy stock.

city have combined against the German-American Painters' Union, which was re-

laborers, who are Knights of Labor.

mills of Lancaster Penn.

claims a membership of 250.

eleven hours a day for \$1.25.

been settled by a compromise.

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cently organized.

of Fire Engineers.

forty cents per month.

Bedford presided.

offering to sell a Lebel cartridge to Count von

the Consulship at Melbourne, Australia.

gators has been opened in Washington.

Smith postmaster at Syracuse, N. Y.

large crowd at the Atlanta Exposition. Two bands of brigands are raiding Came-

county are in a state of terror.

mittee has been organized.

tempted to take her own life.

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of nearly \$1,000,000.

dentally jostled against him on the street.

delphia.

THE United States steamship Pensacola has sailed from New York with the African Terrible Accident on an In-Solar expedition on board.

clined Railway. THE entire plant of the Brush Electric Light Company, of Boston, Mass., has been sold to the Thomas-Houston Electric Company for about \$3,250,000.

Six Lives Lost by the Breaking of a Cable. GOVERNMENT control of timber land was urged before the Forestry Congress at Phila-

DEATH IN A LOCKED CAR

The worst accident ever known on the inclined plane railways of Cincinnati, Ohio, WHILE five men were digging a large well has happened on the Mount Auburn inclined at the Victor coal mines, in Colorado, the plane, at the head of Main street, and which walls caved in, killing two white men and reaches to a height of between 250 and 300 feet in a space of perhaps 2000 feet or less. The accident resulted in the death of six persons and the injury of two others. PAUL McBride, son of a well-known St.

Two cars are employed, one on each track. They are drawn by two steel wire cables that are wound upon a drum at the top of a hill by an engine located there. Nine passengers had entered the car at the foot of the plane and a number were on the other car at the and a number were on the other car at the top. The passage of the ascending car was all right until it had reached the top, when to his horror the engineer found that the machinery would not respond and that he could not stop the engine. Only one result was possible. The car was arrested by the strong bumper that stops its progress, and as the engine continued all its force was expended on the two cables and they snapped like wrapping thread under its enormous power. Then the car with its nine inmates locked within began the descent of the slope. The crash at the foot of the plane was terrific. A cloud of dust arose that hid the wreck from view for a moment, but when it was dispelled the scene dust arose that hid the wreck from view for a moment, but when it was dispelled the scene was pitiful. The iron gate that formed the lower end of the truck on which the car rested was thrown sixty feet down the street. The top of the car was lying almost as far in the gutter. The truck itself and the floor and seats of the car formed a shapeless wreck, mingled with the bleeding and mangled bodies of the nine passengers.

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Two were taken out dead, one a middle-aged woman with gray hair, was recognized as Mrs. Ives; the other, a young girl of twenty, was Miss Lillian Oskamp. Another N. Kneiss, a teacher, died soon afterward. Five others were injured, three fatally, and one man escaped miraculously with a slight injury. One of the injured was Judge W. M. Dickson. He was too old to survive the shock, and died in a few minutes. He was a well-known attorney, retired for a number of years.

As soon as it could be done the dead were taken to the morgue to await full identifica-tion, while the wounded were carried to the nearest places where examinations could be

This inclined plane is the oldest in the city. It was built twenty-one years ago. This is the first accident attended with loss of life at any of the four inclined planes that are in almost constant use. There have been two similar cases in the history of the inclined planes, but in both the others the engine was got under control before the cables were

Perhaps the most trying condition of any, except the nine on the descending car, was that of the passengers on the other car at the foot of the plane. They were locked in, as is always the case, and were compeled to await the coming of the other car and its inevitable crash beside them at the foot of the track.

Charles Goebel, who was the man at the lever who found himself unable to stop the engine, says that he complained that the "cut off" was not working properly. "I told the off" was not working properly. "I told the engineer about it this morning," he said; "and the engineer told me he had repaired it. But it was evidently still out of order, and this must have been the cause of the ac-

POPULAR SCIENCE.

Foreign scientists have discovered minute diamonds in meteorites found in THE boss barbers of Philadelphia have Siberia.

An electric launch in England recently made sixty miles without recharging the Non-Union carpenters in Rome, Ga., work accumulator. Cable messages are sent from New York to Liverpool not by the ordinary

method of dots and dashes, but by electric flashes. Some electric railways will be laid along the rivers of northern Russia, where the extreme cold endures during

CLEVELAND'S journeymen barbers will appeal to the Ohio Legislature for a Sunday closing law. a great part of the year. The new apparatus for feeding the fires of electric light plants does away entirely A STRIKE which lasted seven months at with the necessity of handling coal after

it has been dumped in the fuel room. To add to our knowledge of terrestrial According to its Secretary, the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators has now 7000 members and 136 local unions. magnetism it is suggested that regular magnetic observatories be established at Cape of Good Hope and in South will form a Central Council of Boston's city

Miss Bruce, of New York city, has THE wages of the Boston and Maine freight handlers at Boston, Mass., have been advanced from \$1.65 to \$1.75 per day. given \$50,000 to the Astronomical Observatory of Harvard, to be devoted to THE Iron Car Company, of New York city, has closed a contract with the Minnesota Car Company, of Duluth, to build 1500 cars. the purchase of a telescope for celestial photography. THE national organization new most active in promoting the eight-hour movement is the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Join-It has been satisfactorily demonstrated

that the arsenites are effective against the codling moth, that in their use there is no danger to the fruit of the tree upon which they are used. In experiments on the solubility of glass in water plumbiferous flint glass

was found to be the least soluble, and the relative resistance of glasses was different toward hot and cold water. The opinion seems to be gaining ground among scientific men, concerning

the formation of petroleum, that it is in all cases due to the decomposition of vegetable matter contained in the rocks where it is produced. The latest improvement in the manufacture of filaments for incandescent lamps consists in heating them to a high

temperature by burning fluid fuel in a suitable furnace, and at the conclusion of the operation raising the temperature to a still higher degree for a short period by the introduction of a blast of oxygen.

Up in a Balicon.

The sensation aman experiences when making an ascent in a balloon is very peculiar, says an aeronaut in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The earth appears to be falling away, especially from just where the ascent was made. A few days ago 1 ber of grievances. A manifesto appealing for aid was issued. Lord Roseberry pre-sided. made an ascent from St. Charles and was soon able to see St. Louis and a score of ABOUT 103 delegates from Mississippi Val-ley States met at Superior, Wis., two weeks ago to urge on the general Government to build ship canals twenty feet deep through the shallows and rivers connecting the great other smaller cities. The smoke from the manufactories looked very odd, but the principal buildings in St. Louis were remarkably distinct even when I had at that altitude it is impossible to detect movements on the earth's surface with the naked eye, but with the aid of a telescope this can be done. The fastest train seems to be going at a snail's pace, and progress. Rivers look like little streaks of silver when the balloon is very high up. The steady fall in the temperature is not unpleasant, and there is no feeling of giddiness after a little practice.

The Numerous John Smiths.

in Ward's Natural Science establishment, where Jumbo's skeleton was prepared, stopped work and, as a result, many rare birds and animals being prepared for collections in different parts of the country, were In Latin he is Johannes Smithus; the Italians smooth him off with Giovanni Smith; the Spaniards render him as Juan Smithus; the Hollanders adopt him as Passengers on the steamship Algiers, from Galveston, Texas, were treated to a nautical spectacle not usually observed by coast-skirting travelers. About fifty miles off Hatters the ship took them through a Hans Schmidt; the French flatten him out as Jean Smeet; the Russian sneezes and barks as he says Ivan Smittowski; in China he is known as Jovan Shimmit; in big school of frolicsome sperm whales, which sent 100 fountains in the air just before the rush of the ship drove them below the sur-Iceland as Johne Smithson; in Tuscaroras you forget all about Pocahontas and Powhatan when you hear them call Ton Qua Smittia; in Wales they speak of him as A NUMBER of junior naval constructors, fresh from the technical institutions of Eng-land and France, have been ordered to the F'Smitti. Among the Greek ruins the become established and proved itself Jihon Scmidd; in Mexico he is Jantli guide speaks of him as Ion Smikton, and hardy, although in the winter the New York navy yard for duty in connection with building the 3000-ton cruisers. in Turkey he is utterly disguised as Yoe surface of the water is frozen over. Self .- St. Louis Republic.

SABBATH SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NOVEMBER 3.

Lesson Text: "David's Rebellious Text: Ex. xx., 12-Com-

mentary.

After the everlasting covenant made with David concerning his son and kingdom, as recorded in our last lesson in this book (chaptivi), we read of David's great prosperity subduing all his enemies round about and reigning over all Israel, executing judgment and justice unto all his people (viii., 12-15). Then, in his prosperity, comes his awful sinby which he gave great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme; which is followed by the record of his son Amnon's sin and his death at the hands of his brother Absalom, followed by the flight of

mies of the Lord to biaspheme; which is followed by the record of his son Amnon's sin and his death at the hands of his brother Absalom, followed by the flight of Absalom to his maternal grandfather, the King of Geshur, where he abode three years in banishment from his father and his home (chaps. xi., xiii).

1. "And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses and fifty men to run before him." The words "after this" seem to refer to the events of the chapter immediately preceding. If Absalom's chariots and horses and men were intended in some way to do honor, or show gratitude to his father, the King, it would seem but right and natural; but that they should be tokens of rebellion against and ingratitude to this forgiving father seems all most incredible; yet such was the case.

2. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate." The gate of an eastern city was a place of public resort and deliberation, and also a place for the administration of justice, and of audience for Kings and rulers and ambassadors. "Rose upearly" is an expression signifying great earnestness; it is about the same as "putting one's shoulder to it;" it is used ten times in Jeremiah concerning God's univerted earnestness in urging His people to repent and turn to Him. In Isa. v., il, it is used concerning the earnestness of the wicked, and in that sense it is used in this verse of our lesson, for here we see Absalom in the gate of the city cordielly greeting every one who came with any matter to the King for judgment, telling them that there was no one appointed by the King to hear them, and assuming them that if he was a judge he would see that every one had justice.

3. 4. "Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land." The title of our lesson is, "David's rebellious son," and his name is mentioned thirteen times in our lesson. Everything seems to go by contrast

our lesson is, "David's receitious son," and his name is mentioned thirteen times in our lesson. Everything seems to go by contrast in reference to him; his name signifies "Father of Peace," but what a father of lies and disturber of peace he proved to be: then as to his personal appearance, there was not a finer looking man in all Israel (xiv., 25); but God, who looks on the heart and not on the outward appearance, saw anything but beauty, there. His hair, which he must have been very proud of, and which he had cut only once a year, weighed when polled about seven and a half pounds Troy (a shekel being about nine pennyweights) (xiv., 26); but this, his pride, was the cause of his death (chap? will 6)

zviii., 9).
5. 6. "So Absalom stole the hearts of the b, 6. "So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel." By fair words to every man who came to the King for judgement, by taking them by the hand and kissing them; he thus won their hearts to himself. David's he thus won their hearts to himself. Davids kiss to Absalom was of the same nature as the father's kiss to the prodigal son (Lu. xy., 20); but these kisses of Absalom were more of the nature of the kiss of Judas when he betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ, for every one

of them was a stab at his father's heart.
7. "Let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron." Thushave vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron." Thus-said Absalom to David, the King, probably, after four years instead of forty as in this verse (see R. V. margin); but what a liar he was and how desperately wicked; there was murder in his heart and that against his own father, but he seeks to hide it under a pre-tense of paying a vow unto the Lord, while tense of paying a vow unto the Lord, while all his vows must have been to the devil rather than to the Lord; and that he should select Hebron for his base purpose where lay buried the bodies of Abraham, Isaac and

buried the bodies of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob indicates only more fully the extreme hardness of his heart.

8. "If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord." This, he said, was the vow which he had mede to the Lord while in his banishment in Syria. Let any father or mother who have ever rejoiced over the conversion of a wayward son say what must have been David's feelings on hearing these words from David's feelings on hearing these words from his much loved but heretofore erring Absa-lom. Oh, that he had only meant it, but alsa that the heart can become so hard that it can put on religion for a cloak and think to deceive even God Himself. 9. "And the King said unto him, Go in

9. "And the King said unto him, to in peace." Believing him to be sincere he gives him a father's blessing and bids him go in peace; but there was no peace in that foul heart, covered by so fair an exterior and such plausible words, for "There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked" [Isa. Ivii., 21].

10. "Absalom reigneth in Hebron." No somer does he leave his father's presence, with that father's last words to him as words of neace then he sends spies through all iswith that father's last words to him as words of peace, then he sends spies through all Israel who at a given signal are to cry: "Absalom reigneth in Hebron," which was virtually saying: "I hereby rebel against my father and drive him from his throne;" so David understood it, for he said unto all his servants: "Arise, and let us flee, for we shall not else escape from Absalom," and the servants said: "Behold thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the King shall appoint" (verses 14, 15). Contrast the conduct of the King's son with this reply of David's servants, and the conduct of Ittai, a stranger and exile (verses 19-21), and does it not remind you somewhat of the conduct of those of whom it is written: "He came unto His own and His own received Him not, but as of whom it is written: "He came unto His own and His own received Him not, but as

own and his own received him hot, but he many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." (John i., i1, 12.)

11. "They went in their simplicity and they knew not anything." This is written of the two hundred men out of Jerusalem who went with Absolum. If we would fol. or the two hundred men out of Jerusalem who went with Absalom. If we would follow Jesus in this spirit, simply trusting, not knowing nor desiring anything but His will, what blessed people we would be and what glory He would get through us; but to follow a leader like Absalom thus blindly is sure resulting.

perdition.

12. "The people increased continually with Absalom." How thoughtlessly the crowd will follow a popular leader. How multitudes turn away from the God of truth and His dear Son to listen to an Ingersoll. If a railroad company will run its cars to some mountain park or seaside resort on the Lord's day, what multitudes will turn away from the God of the Sabbath and His loving comthe God of the Sabbath and His loving comthe God of the Sabbath and his loving can-mandments to do evil. If a city will tolerate Sunday baseball what thoughless crowds will flock thither. And so in all directions and creasing multitude is ever following the whom Absalom followed, and who would love to destroy Jesus, the King of Kings, and all His followers.—Lesson Helper.

AT a dinner not long ago Wilkie Collins related instances proving how impossible it was to introduce into a novel descriptions of places and things wholly imaginary. In one of his works gone up 4000 feet and over. Of course he described a house which he had never seen, and which was entirely the offspring of his imagination. A few days after the publication a man called upon him to protest against the introa running horse seems to make very poor duction of his house into his novel. Strange to say, the pages of the novel contained a perfect description of the man's property. At another time he used as one of his characters a man who was so exact about his eating that he weighed every morsel which entered his stomach. Mr. Collins had in reality never heard of such a man. He was greatly surprised, one week after the appearance of his book, by the visit of an utter stranger, who wished to know by what right Mr. Collins made him ridiculous in print by mentioning one of his peculiarities.

THERE is a pond in New Jersey where the sacred lotus of the East has